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# Letter dated 29 August 2018 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert (the Netherlands) as my Special Representative for Iraq and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq. She will succeed Ján Kubiš (Slovakia), to whom I am grateful for his service.

Ms. Hennis-Plasschaert has over 20 years of political and diplomatic experience and served as Minister of Defence of the Netherlands from 2012 to 2017. In her new role, she will have overall authority for the activities of the United Nations in Iraq and provide leadership, political guidance and high-level operational direction in the execution of the work of the Mission. She will build on the efforts and achievements of her predecessor and other United Nations and international efforts.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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